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Dear Josh:

When the enclosed newspaper ("Dagens Nyheter," October 13) came out we didn't send you a copy because we were fairly sure that you were already well aware of whatever is important in it. Now I wish we had for I don't know how closely you are in touch with these details. I have not verified anything in the story, and, in fact, have not seen Caspersson since his return from Tokyo if indeed he has returned.

Except for this article I have no information on Caspersson's current interest in the field of soft-landing a microspectrograph on the moon or another planet. I did have an interesting discussion with him shortly after my arrival here at which time he told me that although he was favorably inclined toward such a venture, he, himself, would not be able to work on it because he was more interested in too many other things.

We are now in the process of bracing ourselves for one more Nobel celebration before we go back to Madison in January.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. E. Mack  
Science Officer

Enclosure:

Article entitled "Apparatur kan mätas  
liv på Mars" (Dagens Nyheter, Oct. 13, 1960)